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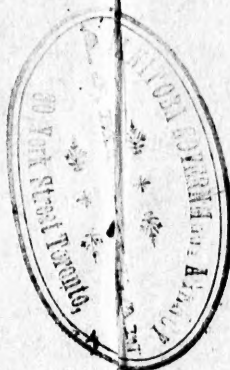
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So much has been written at various times regarding the geographical and climatic conditions of Manitoba, it is not proposed to say anything here with regard to those matters. These "Notes of Progress" are designed to put before the farmers of Ontario, and others who may desire to make for themselves new homes, in a concise form, some facts relative to the wonderful progress Manitoba is making. We have nothing to hide in Manitoba, and there is no need to exaggerate with regard to the country. The simple truth is sufficient to induce settlers to go there. The figures are not yet published as to the arrivals for '89, but far more *bona fide* settlers went into Manitoba this year than ever before in one season. During the summer months, three farmers' excursions were run from Eastern Canada to Manitoba, with the intention of allowing Canadians from other Provinces an opportunity to see the Prairie Province for themselves. Nearly 1,000 more persons went on these excursions than on corresponding ones last year. This fall farmers' excursions of a similar nature are being largely patronised, and the indications are that there will be a larger immigration next year than there has been this. Many absurd statements have been circulated in Eastern Canada and in the States relative to the harm done by drought in Manitoba this year. During the month of June the weather was very dry and hot, and much harm was done, especially where indifferent farming was carried on; but this notwithstanding, on August 1st the yield of wheat was estimated at 14.8 bushels per acre, an amount which, though considered small in Manitoba, would be considered large in most other countries, as the following figures will show. In 1887 (the last year for which we have returns in Manitoba) the yield of spring wheat per acre was in

Manitoba	32.4	bushels.
Ontario.....	11.6	"
Wisconsin.....	10.3	"
Minnesota.....	11.6	"
Iowa.....	10.0	"
Nebraska.....	10.1	"
Dakota.....	14.3	"



Since harvesting and threshing commenced in Manitoba this year, it is said the wheat will turn out much better than was reported on August 1st.

Manitoba is progressing beyond a doubt, settlers are flocking in, and railroads are being constructed in every direction, so that in the words of the *Winnipeg Commercial*, "a new and active era in the development of the country has set in." In almost every part of the Province there are churches, schools, good roads and markets, so that most of the advantages of settlement in the older Provinces are now enjoyed, and the settler who arrives in Manitoba to-day, does so under much more favorable conditions than did the pioneers of 7 or 10 years since.

Young men who wish to strike out on their own account, and farmers with families, should go to Manitoba, where they will meet hundreds of their countrymen, who ten years since were poor, but who to-day are wealthy, and say *they accomplished more in Manitoba in 5 years than they could have done at home in 15 or 20 years.*

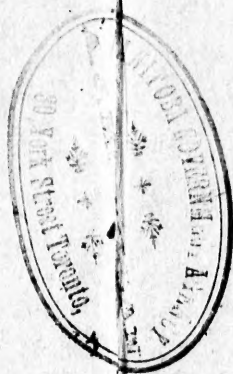
The following figures culled from the Bulletins of the Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg, Manitoba, published on June 1st and August 1st, 1889, are more eloquent than pages of descriptive matter could possibly be, and reveal an amount of progress truly astonishing. These figures are based upon returns supplied to the department by some 500 correspondents living in all parts of the Province.

	1887	1889	Increase in '89
Total acreage prepared for crop.....	636,295	893,402	257,107
Number of Horses.....	29,915	45,746	15,831
" Cattle.....	101,681	148,209	46,528
" Sheep.....	12,540	31,341	18,801
" Pigs.....	35,713	51,657	15,944
" Entire Horses.....	411	642	231
Acres of new prairie broken.....	87,444	135,649	48,205

The Canada North-West Land Company make the following interesting announcement regarding the sales of their farm lands during the six months ending 30th June last as compared with the corresponding period in 1888:

	Acres Sold.	Value.
1889.....	32,320	\$191,402 65
1888.....	20,620	113,432 80
Increase.....	11,700	\$ 77,969 85

These returns show that the amount of sales of farm lands has been greatly in excess of the same portion of last year.



HARVEST REPORTS

The following reports relative to the harvest of 1889 are from correspondents of the *Winnipeg Sun*, and from other Manitoba papers of recent dates.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Aug. 28.—Speaking of great farmers in Manitoba we think McLean & McRobbie can lead in that line this year. They have 1,300 acres of wheat, 120 acres of oats and 80 acres of barley, in all, 1,500 acres of grain, most of which is already cut. They have nine self-binders of their own, and have four more hired, making thirteen in all hard at work. Their wheat will average fully twenty bushels to the acre, which they will probably sell for over 75 cents a bushel, making for the total crop of over 32,000 bushels of wheat, about \$25,000. Their wheat is all No. 1 hard. The other crops are good. This enterprising firm of two young men are hard workers, and their success is well deserved.

MCGREGOR, Aug. 27.—Stacking is the order of the day now, the cutting being all done excepting some small patches. Wheat is not so good a sample as was expected at one time.

KILLARNEY, Aug. 21.—Weather here very suitable for harvesting. A refreshing rain visited us on Monday last, which beautified nature and made everybody grateful. It has done good to the late grain and root crops, and has not delayed harvesting more than a day or two.

BRIDGE CREEK, Aug. 21.—The farmers are busy harvesting. Quite a number are through cutting. The grain is a fine sample.

CRAIGILEA, Aug. 27.—Farmers here are through cutting their grain, and stacking is now the order of the day. The crops are much better than farmers anticipated. Although the straw is short, the head is well-filled, and the sample is the finest ever grown in this district.

DELORAINÉ, Aug. 26.—Harvesting is progressing, under favorable weather. Cutting is about finished; some have started stacking. Grain is turning out a good deal better than was estimated some time ago, and the wheat is all a fine sample.

MANITOU, Aug. 27.—Grain cutting is about finished, and stacking is the order of the day.

(From the Winnipeg Commercial.)

Harvesting commenced at Gladstone on August 5, writes a correspondent. The wheat crop is excellent. Hopes of the season's crop are very high just now, owing to the early harvest and good weather. The hay crop, which was expected to be scarce, turns out to be more plentiful than other years; owing to the expected shortage, every one put up a little more than they required to have.

(From the Brandon Sun.)

Reports from every hand are to the effect that the wheat berry this year is plump, and there is no doubt the wheat will greatly make up any deficiencies in weight.

(From the Pilot Mound Sentinel.)

Binders have been started on hundreds of farms, and the fields are now becoming adorned with sheaves. The grain is unusually plump and will grade high. In many cases the straw is short, but there is such an extent of ground under crop that, notwithstanding all disadvantages, there will be a large amount of grain to send out.

(From the Minnedosa Tribune.)

It would astonish those who have heard so much about short crops in Manitoba, to see the amount of farm machinery sold and taken from Minnedosa by farmers from the surrounding country. It is stated by parties in a position to know, that in some districts near Minnedosa crops never were better, and that the sample of grain will be the best in several years.